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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of O.T. Buster, who passed away on July 29,
4 2007; and

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WHEREAS, O.T. Buster was born on August 9, 1920 in McGhee,
6 Arkansas; her parents were Minister Alonzo and Estelle Smith;
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WHEREAS, O.T. Buster was formerly employed as a beautician,
9 a designer, a presser, a nursing assistant, and an
10 entrepreneur; and

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WHEREAS, O.T. Buster was well known for her thirst for
12 education; she graduated with honors from Harold Washington
13 College in Chicago, earning her degree in early childhood
14 education in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, O.T. Buster was a member of Tyree Temple Methodist
16 Church and was a member of the church's choir; and

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WHEREAS, O.T. Buster enjoyed making arts and crafts,
18 singing, poetry, cooking, and fishing; and

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WHEREAS, O.T. Buster was preceded in death by her parents;

1 her brother, James Smith; and her grandson, David Harris; and

2 WHEREAS, O.T. Buster is survived by her sisters, Jessie
3 Cole and Lola Bell Lowe; her daughters, Bettie Harris and
4 Delores Flakes; her grandson, Johnie Flakes, Jr. (Wendy); her
5 great-grandsons, Davon Harris, Julian Flakes, Johnie Flakes
6 III, Isaiah Flakes, Ian Flakes, and Milan Flakes; her nieces
7 and nephews, Diane Hawkins, Joyce Bugg, Craig Burns (Trina),
8 Keith Burns (Kimberly), Nathan Burns, Quenn Miles, James Smith,
9 Brenda Spencer, Linda Spencer, Howard Spencer, Robert Spencer
10 (Mareshia), Bobbie Spencer, Lola Spencer, Andre Miles, Carl
11 Miles, Theresa Miles, and Lisa Miles; her extended family,
12 Joseph (Donna) Harris, Willie Harris, and Tyanne Harris; and
13 her many other relatives and friends; and

14 WHEREAS, O.T. Buster was also survived by her niece, Bobbie
15 Hawkins, who is now deceased; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 her family and friends, the passing of O.T. Buster; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of O.T. Buster as an expression of our
22 sympathy.